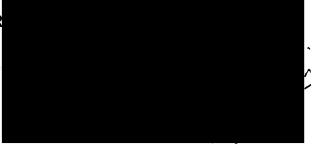
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A-11 Raises Questions On Secret Fund Outlays

Senators Hugh Scott, Republican of Pennsylvania, and Gordon Allott, Republican of ment of Colorado.

They cited as evidence President Johnson's surprise announcement that a costly new an hour A-11-had been developed secretly.

"It was indeed a shock to me," Senator Allott said yes-terday of the presidential announcement, when asked about it by Senator Scott on a taped radio program.

Member of Committee

Senator Allott is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee which must pass upon details of the multibilliondollar annual spending on both defense and space programs and projects. Senator Allott said that

though he had followed space officials may be secrelly more than four years, "not one spending millions of dollars word was said about" the without knowledge of Congress speedy new aircraft until the and taxpayers have come from President removed secrecy

Senator Allott said develop-ment of the A-11 "perhaps cost \$50 or \$100 million or maybe more" and this raises questions ident Johnson's surprise an-non how defense officials could rouncement that a costly new "hide this much money" in military aircraft—the 2,000 mile their budget from Senators who are required to approve such spending.

Some on Committee Informed

The Colorado Senator said he since has learned "about four members" of the 27-member Appropriations Committee knew of the project, adding:

"But how can the rest of the committee be led to act upon a budget which hides so much money?"

Senator Allott noted this development came during the same period that Secretary of Defense McNamara and Congress were sharply divided over development of a large jet aircraft—the B-70 or RS-70—for

the Air Force. If Senate and House Members had known about the A-11 air craft project, Senator Scott said that results of the other dispute might have been different.

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